

2024 - ANNUAL REPORT



European Dialysis
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Nurses
Association/Europe
an Renal Care
Association

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President's Message

As we reflect on the remarkable accomplishments and key initiatives led by the European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/European Renal Care Association (EDTNA/ERCA) in 2024, I am both honoured and proud to address you. This Annual Report captures the inspiring work carried out by our Association to advance kidney care, support professional growth, and advocate for the highest standards in patient outcomes.

While the past year presented numerous challenges, it also presented new opportunities for collaboration and innovation. Throughout an evolving healthcare landscape, the members of EDTNA/ERCA remained committed, adaptable, and united in their mission to enhance kidney care across Europe and beyond. Together, we have strengthened our network and furthered our shared purpose.

A highlight of the year was the 52nd International Conference, held in Athens, Greece. This Annual Report outlines the most significant projects, milestones, and achievements of 2024. Whether through advocacy efforts aimed at protecting patients' rights or knowledge-sharing activities that kept our members at the forefront of nephrology advancements, our pursuit of excellence is evident in every initiative. As you read through these pages, you'll discover how our educational programs, research, strategic partnerships, and professional development efforts are making a lasting impact. The stories within illustrate how EDTNA/ERCA continues to shape the future of kidney care for the better.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed their time, expertise, and energy to our work—our dedicated volunteers, core members, partners, and supporters. Your contributions have been essential to our progress and will continue to drive us forward.

I invite you to explore this Annual Report and join me in celebrating the achievements of EDTNA/ERCA in 2024. Let us move ahead with renewed commitment to improving kidney care, championing the needs of patients, and fostering a strong community of healthcare professionals.



Dr Ilaria de Barbieri

EDTNA/ERCA President ad Interim

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New Volunteers/ Changed Roles in 2024

EDTNA/ERCA is proud to be supported by a team of more than 50 dedicated volunteers. Reflecting the multidisciplinary character of our Association, these individuals bring together a broad range of professional expertise that contributes significantly to the advancement of patient care and support within the renal community.

During the Annual General Meeting, held Virtually on the 15th of October 2024, the Association announced the addition of new volunteers and the appointment of current members to new positions. At the same time, the Association expressed its appreciation to the volunteers who concluded their service.

Their work and longstanding commitment have made a lasting contribution to the EDTNA/ERCA and will be remembered with sincere gratitude.



The Association would like to extend its thanks to all volunteers for their continued dedication and enthusiasm. Their involvement remains crucial to the

fulfilment of the EDTNA/ERCA mission and to the positive impact the Association has on the lives of individuals affected by renal conditions.

Looking ahead, we remain confident that, through the commitment and expert contributions of our volunteer team, we will continue to advance towards new achievements.

New Volunteers:

 Panagiota Tsikala - BA Austria

 Grace Murray - BA Ireland

 Sarah Russo- IBA Australia/New Zealand

 Joana Fontes - HD Consultant, Portugal

Volunteers with New Roles:

Ruben Iglesias - Vascular Access Consultant

Leaving Volunteers:

 Jane Golland - Past Treasurer/ EC member co-opted, Israel

 Aase Rieman - BA The Netherlands

 Ditte Plum Olsen - BA Denmark

 Debbie Fortnum - IBA Australia/New Zealand

Lifetime member:

The Executive Committee awarded Lifetime Membership to **Jane Golland**.

Jane has been a devoted member for many years and has served, starting in the BA position. She has served on the Executive Committee since 2016. As Treasurer from 2017 to 2023, she played a crucial role in maintaining the financial health of the

association. Even after her tenure as Treasurer, she continues to contribute as a co-opted EC member and a member of the Accreditation Committee for 2023-2024. Her passion extends beyond administration and her invaluable input in promoting green and sustainable practices within EDTNA/ERCA has been instrumental in advancing the association's forward-thinking approach. Always enthusiastic and willing to share her knowledge and innovative ideas, has been an inspiring leader and mentor to many.

Publications

Since 2007, EDTNA/ERCA has been actively publishing a series of guidebooks offering up-to-date, evidence-based information on a broad range of topics related to renal care.

All EDTNA/ERCA guidebooks are formally published with ISBNs and are citable in academic literature. Members of the Association benefit from complimentary online access to the full collection in PDF format.

Each publication is developed by EDTNA/ERCA Consultants or other experienced editors, authors, and reviewers who bring a high level of expertise to their respective fields. Contributions from the EDTNA/ERCA Scientific Board (SB), along with thorough editorial revisions, ensure both the scientific integrity and originality of the content.

To support our international members, many of our publications are translated into multiple languages, including English, Bosnian, Croatian, Czech, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Latin,

Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Slovenian, Spanish, and Turkish.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all authors, editors, reviewers, Mrs Susan Rogers—our English Linguistic Reviewer—the members of the SB, and the many dedicated volunteers whose passion and commitment have been instrumental in the success of our publishing efforts.

In 2024, we successfully consolidated several publication projects. A brief overview of our achievements follows below:

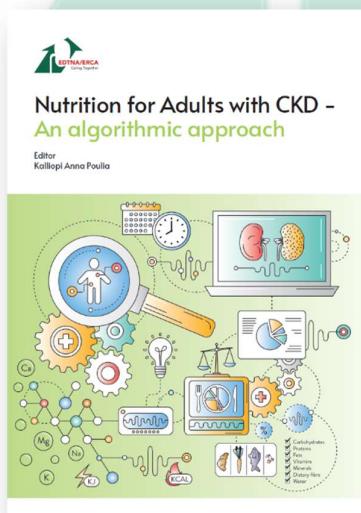
New Books

Nutrition for Adults with CKD -

An algorithmic approach

Editors: Kalliopi Anna Poulia

Authors: Dimitrios Karayiannis, Konstantina Nikolakopoulou, Kalliopi Zafeirenia Karatzi, Kalliopi Anna Poulia, Michael Chourdakis, Deepa Kariyawasam, Mirey Karavetian, Chrysanthi Skalioti



Available in PDF & in print

Water Treatment in Haemodialysis

A Guide for Nurses

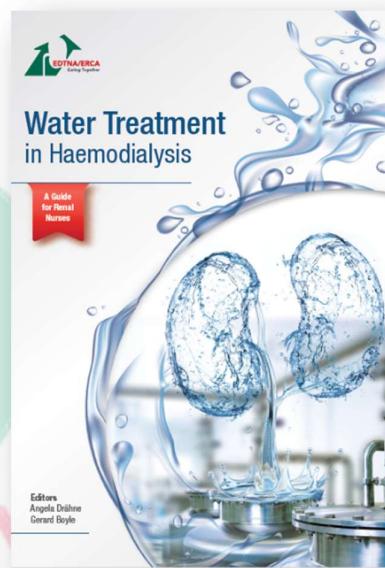
Editors: Angela Drähne & Gerard Boyle

Reviewer: Falk Sommer

Authors:

Angela Drähne, Jitka Pancířová,

Gerard Boyle, Chrysanthi Avrami



Available in PDF

Translations

Management of Diabetic Foot in Renal Care - A Guide to Clinical Practice

Translation in Czech: Jitka Pancířová

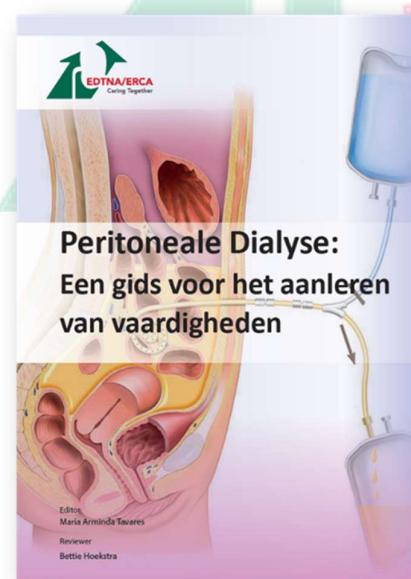
Editors: Chrysanthi Avrami & Sofia Savvidou



Available in PDF & in print

Peritoneal Dialysis -A guide to achieving proficiency

Translation in Dutch: Bettie Hoekstra & Aase Riemann
 Editor: Maria Arminda Tavares



Available in PDF & in print

E-library articles



The Electronic Library is a well-established online educational resource offering free access to a wide range of nephrology-related articles authored by EDTNA/ERCA Consultants. Each paper is structured with clear learning objectives and aims to support healthcare professionals in their daily practice.

In 2024, EDTNA/ERCA published the article *Chronic Kidney Disease in the Paediatric Population – Challenges for Nursing Care*, authored by EDTNA/ERCA Consultant Tadeja Kokalj Jeršin.

The article outlines the specific challenges of managing children with CKD and highlights key considerations for delivering high-quality, age-appropriate nursing care.

E-Library Article

Chronic Kidney Disease in the Paediatric Population - Challenges for Nursing Care

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Learning Objectives

1. To provide the concept of chronic kidney disease and renal replacement therapy in the paediatric population.
2. To identify modality and other features of renal replacement therapy in the paediatric population.
3. To be aware of challenges for nursing in the paediatric population with chronic kidney disease.

Key Words: chronic kidney disease, paediatric population, paediatric peritoneal dialysis, paediatric haemodialysis, kidney transplantation, children, nephrology, nursing

Introduction

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a worldwide progressive condition with high global prevalence in the adult population, but not much is known about epidemiology in the young. Early detection of paediatric CKD is important to prevent progression to more severe outcomes. The improvement of awareness of the disease and its complications in the paediatric population is needed to improve health outcomes. When a child has been diagnosed with CKD, it is anticipated that the child's family and caregivers will have to learn to live with minimal impact on childhood. It is also important for the family, kindergarten or school to participate in the care of the child.

The concept of chronic kidney disease (CKD) and the paediatric population

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is an irreversible decline of renal function that progresses to end-stage renal disease (ESRD) and is increasing as a major worldwide issue.^{1,2} There is a high prevalence of CKD in the paediatric population, but it is statistically documented to be more prevalent in adults, with about 10% of the population and is more prevalent in men. The rate of CKD in the paediatric population is estimated to be 0.001-0.002%,^{3,4} while the rate in the adult population is about 0.0001-0.0007%.^{5,6} Although CKD is relatively uncommon in children, it is essential for health organizations to prevent or

slow the progression of CKD and to optimize the management of all complications.⁷ Some features of a paediatric CKD diagnosis have a long-term impact on life, such as growth, development, and quality of life in the long term.⁸ Paediatric CKD has many co-morbidities, that unfortunately are more prevalent in children than in adults by 30-150 times more than other general paediatric populations.⁹

Lack of awareness, genetic predisposition and difficulty in measuring kidney function in small children are resulting in a high rate of complications in the paediatric population.¹⁰ It is thought to be much more frequent than current reports indicate and this contributes to delayed effective treatments and disease progression.

The aetiology of childhood CKD varies greatly from that of adult CKD. Males are more likely to have to have CKD than females, and the most common cause is congenital anomalies affecting males.¹¹ CKD is diagnosed based on glomerular filtration rate (GFR) and the extent of albumuria as a biomarker of kidney damage, and is usually diagnosed by testing.¹² Main common causes of CKD or later ESRD in the paediatric population are congenital anomalies, genetic diseases, chronic glomerulonephritis and renal tubopathies. Less common aetiological factors are thrombotic microangiopathies, Wilms tumour, infectious and interstitial diseases, and others.¹³

¹ Chronic Kidney Disease in the Paediatric Population - Challenges for Nursing Care
 T. Kokalj Jeršin, S. Kolar Grandjean & V. Zol



Anastasia Liossatou

Publications Coordinator

Regular Publications

Newsletter



In the context of kidney healthcare, timely access to evidence-based information and regular professional communication is essential. The European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/European Renal Care Association (EDTNA/ERCA) addresses this need through the systematic dissemination of two key publications: the Monthly NewsFlash and the biannual Translated Newsletters.

NewsFlash

The EDTNA/ERCA Monthly NewsFlash serves as a primary communication channel with members and Brand Ambassadors. In 2024, a total of 12 issues were produced and published on the EDTNA/ERCA website. Each edition included:

 **Organizational Updates:** Relevant information on EDTNA/ERCA activities and strategic initiatives.

 **Scientific Content:** Summaries of current evidence, expert commentary, and recent

developments in nephrology nursing and renal care.

Educational Announcements:

Details on forthcoming events, including webinars, workshops, and congresses.

Community Contributions: Reports

and updates from Brand Ambassadors and national branches.

The NewsFlash remains an effective tool for distributing concise and targeted information across the EDTNA/ERCA network, supporting knowledge transfer and member engagement.

Translated Newsletters

To complement the NewsFlash, two Translated Newsletters were published in June and December 2024, providing expanded and multilingual content.

The availability of these newsletters in multiple languages enhances accessibility and promotes wider dissemination of professional content across regions and disciplines.

Together, the NewsFlash and Translated Newsletters contribute to the Association's strategic objective of facilitating professional development, knowledge dissemination, and cross-border collaboration in renal care.



Maria Arminda Tavares

Newsletter and Newsflash Editor

Journal of Renal Care



The *Journal of Renal Care* (JoRC) serves as the official scholarly publication of EDTNA/ERCA. It provides a comprehensive collection of rigorously peer-reviewed clinical, research, and educational articles intended for healthcare professionals engaged in the field of kidney care.

In May 2022 Wiley became a signatory of the **Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA)**, which is a world-wide initiative designed to improve the ways in which the outputs of scholarly research are evaluated. According to Clarivate Analytics, the JoRC metrics are as follows:

Citation Impact

2024 CiteScore (Scopus):	3.3
2024 Journal Citation Indicator (Clarivate):	0.59
2024 Journal Impact Factor (Clarivate):	1.5

Publication

2024 Full Text Views:	102,445
2024 Total articles published:	27
2024 Acceptance rate:	12%
2024 Submission to first decision:	7 days
2024 Submission to acceptance:	119 days
2024 Acceptance to publication:	19 days

Reach

2024 Top Author Countries/Regions:

1. Australia	33%
2. United Kingdom	19%
3. Japan	7%
3. Taiwan	7%
4. Belgium	4%

2024 Top Reader Countries/Regions:

1. United States	13%
2. China	12%
2. United Kingdom	12%
3. Australia	10%
4. India	3%

During the year, 4 issues of JoRC are published. One of the Journal's aims is for the published papers to become more accessible to patients. With this in mind, the Patient Editor chooses one paper each issue that would be of most interest to patients and their families. The summary produced, explains the topic, highlights why its results or recommendations are important for patients and their families, and outlines practical steps they can take based on these findings.

The Editorial Team of JoRC



Magnus Lindberg
Journal Editor



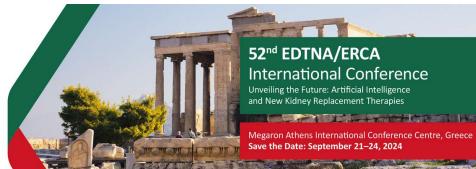
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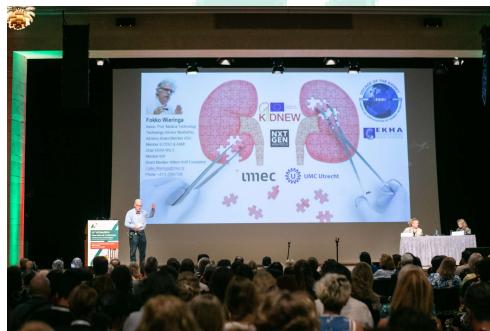
Anastasia Liossatou
JoRC EC Link

The 52nd EDTNA/ERCA International Conference

In 2024, the **52nd International Conference** was hosted in **Athens, Greece**.



The main theme of the Conference was **“Unveiling the Future: Artificial Intelligence New Kidney Replacement Therapies”** and the guest speaker, invited to share their specific view of the new kidney care, prof. Fokko Pieter Wieringa, inspired all the audience with his presentation “The future of technology-based kidney replacement therapies”.



215 abstracts were submitted: the top 5 countries were Greece, Portugal, Croatia, Denmark and Hungary.

The Scientific Programme offered 6 guest speakers lectures, 3 Corporate Education Sessions, 6 workshops, 6 e-poster sessions and 32 sessions in total.

All the workshops were rated by the delegates with the maximum score. This year a new type of session was organized,

the “Pros & Cons session” with prof. Konstantinos Petsios & prof J. Tsolakoglou who debated on the implementation of the AI in kidney care.



The Conference was attended by more than **800 delegates** from Europe mainly. The Conference was accredited by the **International Council of Nurses with 18,25 credits**.

All the EDTNA/ERCA volunteers worked hard to make the conference successful.



Dr Ilaria de Barbieri

Scientific Board Chair

The EDTNA/ERCA Scientific Board

In 2024 the Scientific Board (SB) continued to focus on some studies. The topics are: mapping the identification and management of depression in kidney care, the nurse-patient ratio staffing in dialysis and the haemodialysis nursing sensitive indicators.

All the SB members were active in collaborating with the webinars and the publications.

The EDTNA/ERCA Scientific Board



Dr Ilaria de Barbieri
Chair



Dr Jeannette Finderup
Member



Mrs Veronica Strini
Member



Dr Claire Carswell
Member



Dr Afra Masià Plana
Member

Highlights of Webinars



During 2024 EDTNA/ERCA continued to offer to the active members a series of webinars:

Jan 2024

Are we over-restricting dietary potassium and leading to an unhealthy diet?

Speaker: Deepa Kariyawasa

Moderator: Kalliopi Anna Poulia

March 2024

Nurse Practitioner Care for CKD: Delivery and Outcomes of a Clinical Program in Canada

Speakers: Matthew James, Tayler Scory and Ellen Novak

Moderator: Afra Masià-Plana

 May 2024

**The Importance of Early Diagnosis
of Malnutrition in Patients
Undergoing Dialysis Treatment -
Special Reference to PD Patients**

 Speaker: Elina Ioannou

Moderator: Sotiroula Gliki

*Peritoneal Dialysis Consultant for
EDTNA/ERCA, Cyprus*



Deepa Kariyawasam

EC member

 June 2024

**Navigating the Journey to
Excellence in Renal Education -
The EDTNA/ERCA Accreditation
Programme**

 Presenters: Theodora Kafkia

Jane Golland - John Sedgewick

Guests:

Evangelos Latzourakis -

Muhammad Awwad - Carla Felix

 November 2024

Exercise in CKD

Speakers: The Global Renal Exercise (GREX) network:

presented by Kenneth Wilund & Stephanie Thompson

Exercise Across Spectrum of CKD:
CKD (non RRT) - Sharlene Greenwood

HD - Pedro Martins

PD - Paul Bennett

KTX - Roseanne Billany

Moderators:

Joao Viana, Jeanette Finderup

In addition to these national webinars, further webinars were held in Polish and Portuguese. Further details are available on the website.

**The European Specialist
Nurses Organization (ESNO)**

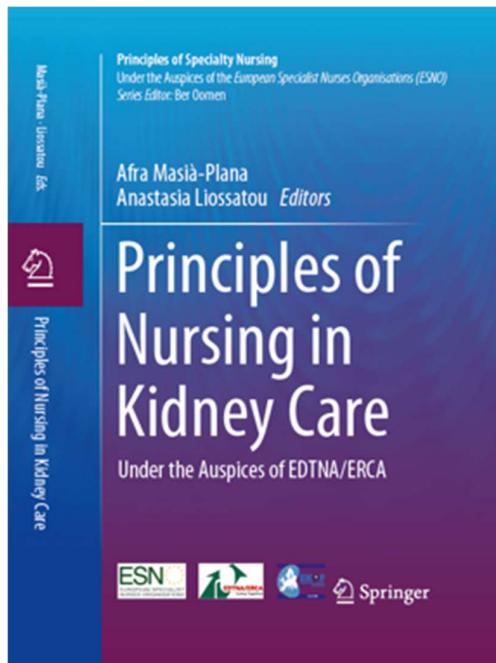
The European Specialist Nurses Organisation (ESNO) is a non-profit organization. The objective is to facilitate and offer an efficient framework for communication and collaboration between



ESNO and its constituent members. EDTNA/ERCA as a member of ESNO continues to work closely to promote the role of Specialist Nurses in Europe, particularly the Nephrology Nursing Specialty.



A significant publication under the Springer Nature umbrella, **Principles of Nursing in Kidney Care**, was finalized in April 2024. Edited by Afra Masià-Plana and Anastasia Liossatou, the book was both presented and exhibited during the 52nd EDTNA/ERCA Conference in Athens, Greece, where it sparked considerable interest and received valuable feedback.



Anastasia Liossatou

EC Link – ESNO

The Ethical Charter

The 52nd EDTNA/ERCA International Conference, which was organised in Athens, Greece 21-24 September 2024 at the Megaron Athens International Conference Centre, was fully compliant with Ethical **MedTech** rules. Our scientific program, geographic location, conference venue, hospitality, registration packages, and communication were assessed by MedTech, and our event was fully compliant with all of those criteria.

This voluntary certification initiative allows healthcare organisations and professional congress organisers to express their commitment to abiding by the principles of the **MedTech Europe Code**. EDTNA/ERCA will organise its Educational Events in accordance with the rules of the MedTech Europe Code.



Sonja Pečolar



Deepa ariyawasam

EC members

Financial Report 2024

In 2024, the Association managed an annual budget of €587'852, with total expenditures reaching €488'161. This resulted in a budget surplus of €99'691, reflecting the Association's commitment to strong financial stewardship and disciplined spending.

All financial records were maintained in euros (EUR), continuing the practice established after the transition from Swiss francs (CHF) in Association bookkeeping. Asset verification was based on original bank statements from all associated institutions, and the reported balances are consistent with those in the official Balance Sheet.

As of December 31, 2024, all foreign currency holdings were converted into euros using exchange rates issued by the Swiss tax office. Transfer and settlement accounts, along with accruals and adjustments, were minimized, in line with previous years. Financial entries were recorded with accuracy and transparency, demonstrating strong financial governance.

The annual audit and internal financial review were successfully conducted on March 17, 2025, at Alpina Treuhand AG in Hergiswil, Switzerland. The audit confirmed compliance with Swiss financial regulations and validated the sound management of the Association's accounts.

EDTNA/ERCA remains registered in the Commercial Register of the Canton of Nidwalden and continues to operate under non-profit status, reviewed annually in accordance with Swiss legal requirements. Mandatory filings—including the VAT report and year-end financial statements—were submitted to the local Tax Office,

ensuring full regulatory compliance and tax-exempt eligibility.

Maintaining the Association's financial independence and legal integrity remains a strategic priority. In 2025, the Finance Team will focus on navigating ongoing economic challenges across Europe and supporting the successful execution of the 53rd EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in Porto.

As Treasurer, I extend my sincere thanks to all who contributed to our financial success this year. I especially wish to acknowledge the dedication of Alois Gorke (Finance Administrator and Advisor), Edita Noruišiene (Finance and Conference Coordinator), and our professional partners.

I also thank the Executive Committee for their continued support and collaboration.



Maria Arminda Tavares

EDTNA/ERCA Treasurer

Association's applications and social media activities

The EDTNA/ERCA website continues to serve as a key platform for communicating the Association's vision, mission, and strategic priorities. In 2024, it was proactively maintained to ensure the timely dissemination of developments across the renal care community.

The Education section of the website was enhanced in 2024 with the addition of new and translated EDTNA/ERCA publications and E-library articles that are available to members. A summary of all newly released publications is displayed on the homepage of the Publications section and is accessible to all users, while full-text access remains exclusive to current EDTNA/ERCA members. Conference pages. You are welcome to visit our website: <https://www.edtnaerca.org> providing members with convenient access to past sessions. The most visited sections are Education, Webinars, Publication and Conference pages. You are welcome to visit our website: <https://www.edtnaerca.org>

Also, recorded webinars are systematically archived in the Education/Webinars section, providing members with convenient access to past sessions.

The most visited sections are Education, Webinars, Publication and social media remains an important channel for disseminating information and raising awareness of EDTNA/ERCA activities.

The Association maintains an active presence across all major platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter) and LinkedIn, with weekly updates covering educational activities

organised by EDTNA/ERCA and its volunteers, promotional materials, collaboration projects and news about the EDTNA/ERCA Conference.



Jane Golland & Vasiliki Zoi

EC Website & Social Media Link

Collaboration & Networking

Consistency and continuity are the keys to success. Collaboration and Networking with industry partners, universities, and sister associations continue with an increased presence and responsibility in participation and leadership with International Organizations and Workgroups.

We are as always grateful to our corporate sponsors for supporting the educational needs of the renal workforce.

European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA)

- The Campaign "The decade of the kidney".
- High-Level Conference on Organ Donation and Transplantation, on the 11th July in Budapest (Hungary), organised by the **Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the EU 2024**.

European Specialist Nurse Organisation (ESNO)

- A publication under the umbrella of **Springer Nature**, is a joint collaboration with **EDTNA/ERCA & ESNO** and is being endorsed by the **European Kidney Patient's Federation (EKPF)**. Principles of Nursing in Kidney Care, joint publication's project endorsed by the European Kidney Patient's Federation.
- Participation at the 5th Conference of **ESNO**, Brussels.

Collaboration with National and International Associations

- Lebanese Association of Nephrology (LANN)
- European Renal Association (ERA)
- European Kidney Patient's Federation (EKPF)
- American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA)
- Vascular Access Society (VAS)
- Canadian Association of Nephrology Nurses and Technologists (CANNT/ACITN)
- Spanish Society of Nephrology Nursing (SEDEN)
- Croatian Nephrology Nurses Association (CNNA)
- Italian Nephrology Nurses Association (SIAN)
- EuroPD
- Arbor Research (DOPPS)
- KDIGO
- CSL Vifor and others

The Chronic Kidney Disease-associated Pruritus (CKD-aP) joint EDTNA/ERCA Project with CSL Vifor has continued to develop. The project was dedicated to raising awareness of various medical and nursing aspects around CKD-aP and included the development of:

A set of lectures at the annual conference on: CKD-associated Pruritus Management: A Patient-Centred approach for patients on haemodialysis

Presenters: Dr Sebastian Koball and Assistant Professor Jeanette Finderup

A plan for a publication in 2024 on CKDaP was also set.

Consistency and continuity are the keys to success. Collaboration and Networking with industry partners, universities and sister associations continue with an increased presence and responsibility in participation and leadership with International Organizations and Workgroups such as KDIGO, EuroPD.

We are as always grateful to our corporate sponsors for supporting the educational needs of the renal workforce. Diaverum, DOPPS, Fresenius and Baxter sponsored sessions during the annual conference with many other companies also exhibiting their new products and innovations at our conference in Vilnius

Partners and Projects

- European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA)
- European Renal Association (ERA)
- European Best Practice Guidelines Committee
- European Specialist Nurse Organisation (ESNO)
- American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA)
- Canadian Association of Nephrology Nurses and Technologists (CANNT/ACITN)
- Arbor Research for Health (DOPPS)
- Vascular Access Society (VAS)
- HCA Healthcare UK conference presentation

- Collaboration agreements with several National Nurses Associations E.g. Lebanese Association of Nephrology Nurses,
- Dutch Kidney Foundation who had supported with the translation of publications
- KDIGO workshop on symptom management
- EuroPD policy forum on home therapies
- Tree planting in Porto with B. Braun team
- CSL Vifor- Publication on CKD-aP



Edita Noruišienė
Finance and Conference Coordinator



Deepa Kariyawasam
EC Member

Activities related to National & International Associations 2024

EKHA

Dr Ilaria de Barbieri, EDTNA/AERCA President, was invited to attend the workshop, organized by EKHA, "Improving organ Donation and

transplantation in the European Union: Paving the way towards a renewed EU action plan" on Thursday 25th January 2024, hosted by the Permanent Representation of Hungary to the European Union.



On 9 October 2023, EKHA shared an open letter on organ donation and transplantation with European Union (EU) policymakers. This letter sets out the successes of the 2009-2015 EU Action Plan on Organ Donation and Transplantation, which succeeded in enhancing the efficiency and accessibility of organ transplant systems, improving donation and transplantation quality and safety across the EU and contributing to an increase in EU organ donor rates of 17%. This open letter joins a long list of activities that EKHA has been undertaking in the past few years, such as the 2019 European Commission Thematic Network on organ donation and transplantation, which culminated with the publication of a Joint Statement and a peer-reviewed article in *Nature Reviews Nephrology*.

Following the publication of the open letter, EKHA met with the Hungarian Permanent Representation to the EU, which indicated that organ donation and transplantation will be one of the priorities of the upcoming Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the EU (July to December 2024).

EDTNA/ERCA as full member of EKHA was invited to support the role of the HCPs in the process of organ donation. Dr. de Barbieri highlighted the importance of the Nurse Transplant Coordinators, the need of supporting a specific education for these figures and the need of wide

public education across Europe on organ donation.

Following this event, in July Dr Ilaria de Barbieri, EDTNA/ERCA President, was invited to attend the High-Level Conference on Organ Donation and Transplantation, on the 11th July in Budapest (Hungary), organized by the Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the EU 2024, as Board Member of EKHA (European Kidney Health Alliance).



The Hungarian Presidency, through the words of its Secretary State of Health Dr Péter Takács, reiterated EKHA's call to the European Commission and Member States to prioritize organ donation and transplantation in the new mandate. In his opening speech, Dr Takács highlighted the successes and lessons learned from the 1st EU action plan and recalled the importance of developing a new Action Plan in the near future.



The European Commission was well represented with Health Commissioner Stella Kyriakides (via a video message) and European Commission Head of Sector on Substances of Human Origins Stefaan Van der Spiegel. They both confirmed the intention of the European Commission to do more on organ donation and transplantation, without committing to a 2nd EU action plan as yet.



Professor Raymond Vanholder (EKHA President) spoke about transplantation inequity with an amazing presentation. EDTNA/ERCA is honoured to have been part of this gathering - an opportunity for shaping the future of transplantation.

Horizon EU Project 2024 -KitNewCare - Pioneering Transformation in Kidney Healthcare Sustainability Across Europe



KitNewCare Project, focuses on revolutionizing kidney care's approach to environmental sustainability. Led by Trinity College Dublin, the project aims to minimize environmental impact without compromising patient care. Recognizing the significance of collaboration, **EDTNA/ERCA**, as a healthcare professional association, was invited to join forces in finding solutions for a more sustainable healthcare future.

By engaging various stakeholders, including healthcare professionals and policymakers, **KitNewCare** seeks to set new standards in sustainable healthcare practices, ultimately influencing broader medical fields. Through evidence-based governance mechanisms and life cycle assessments, the project endeavours to deliver cost-effective, accessible, and eco-friendly solutions, fostering a greener future for healthcare systems across Europe. This project is funded by an EU grant Horizon Project 2024.

On the 4th and 5th March 2024 the KitNewCare Project Kick-off Meeting was held in Malmo (Sweden), attended by Ilaria de Barbieri, Edita Noruišienė and Jitka Pancirova as Quality and Environmental Consultant.



EDTNA/ERCA participated at SIAN Congress



Dr. Ilaria de Barbieri, the President of EDTNA/ERCA, shared the spotlight with Mrs. Cinzia Fabbri, President of **SIAN (Italian Society of Nephrology Nurses)**, as they jointly inaugurated the SIAN Congress, held in Riccione (Italy) on the 6-8 May. Their collaborative opening ceremony set the tone for a conference filled with partnership, innovation, and shared goals in the field of nephrology.

As they addressed the audience, Dr. de Barbieri and Mrs. Fabbri's words resonated deeply, inspiring attendees with their vision for the future of nephrology. Their partnership exemplified the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect, laying a strong foundation for fruitful discussions and meaningful exchanges throughout the congress.



In representing EDTNA/ERCA at the SIAN Congress, Dr. Ilaria de Barbieri epitomized the spirit of collaboration and innovation essential for advancing nephrology at both national and international levels. Her presence served as a beacon of hope and progress for all those dedicated to improving the lives of people with kidney disease.



Alessandro Pizzo, the Vice-President of SIAN and Dr. Ilaria de Barbieri.

EDTNA/ERCA and Croatian Nephrology Nurse Association (CNNA).

Dr Ilaria de Barbieri was kindly invited to represent EDTNA/ERCA at the 1° Congress of the Croatian Nephrology Nurse Association that was held in Opatija (Croatia) together with the 9th Croatian Symposium on Renal Replacement Therapy, DiaTransplant 2024, and the 6th Congress of the Mediterranean Kidney Society (MKS), from 17th to 20th October 2024.



Dr de Barbieri in her presentation highlighted the importance of being part of a nursing association, national or international, that could advocacy for renal nurses, support education and clinical research.

Mrs. Bosiljka Devčić, current president of the Croatian Nephrology Nurse Association, opened the congress, supported by Mrs. Gordana Novaković and Mrs. Goranka Eržen Matić, newly elected EDTNA/ERCA Executive Committee member.



EDTNA/ERCA and Slovenian Nephrology Nurse Association



The Slovenian Nephrology Nurses Association Congress took place from November 29 to December 1, 2024, in the picturesque coastal town of Portorož, Slovenia. This annual event brought together 130 attendees, including nephrology nurses, healthcare professionals, and experts in the field, to exchange knowledge and discuss advances in nephrology care.



8. SLOVENSKI NEFROLOŠKI KONGRES 2024

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EDTAN/ERCA played a prominent role at the congress. Key representatives included:

- Ilaria de Barbieri: President of EDTNA/ERCA, guest speaker with a topic: The role of Professional Nursing Associations: Opportunities and Challenges.
- Ruben Iglesias: Consultant and workshop leader, sharing expertise on vascular access by organising presentation and 2 workshops.
- Jeanette Finderup: Scientific Board Member, contributing to discussions on evidence-based nephrology care with a topic: Assessment, management and evaluation of uremic symptoms-a pivotal role for nurses.
- Danijel Pripeljaš: Brand Ambassador for Croatia, strengthening regional collaboration in nephrology nursing.

- Sonja Pečolar: EDTNA/ERCA EC Secretary and Brand Ambassador Slovenia with presentation and promotion of EDTNA/ERCA.
- Tadeja Kokelj Jeršin: as President at interim of Slovenian Nephrology, Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association and EDTNA/ERCA Paediatric Consultant.



Dr Ilaria de Barbieri

EDTNA/ERCA President

Brand Ambassadors Programme

The Brand Ambassador (BA) Program of the European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/European Renal Care Association (EDTNA/ERCA) is designed to strengthen the organization's visibility and presence at a national level, support member engagement,

and contribute to the development and dissemination of knowledge in renal care. The key objectives of the BA program are to:

- Promote EDTNA/ERCA and its values at local and national events.
- Facilitate the sharing of best practices and experiences to members and future members in countries.
- Support national members in participating in EDTNA/ERCA activities, including the annual conference.
- Translate and localize educational materials.
- Assist in strategic initiatives such as accreditation and research.

In 2024 EDTNA/ERCA had BAs in 20 countries.

 **Australia & New Zealand**—Debbie

Fortnum until June 2024 , Sarah Russo

from June 2024

 **Croatia**—Danijel Pripeljas

 **Cyprus**—Despo Theodorou

 **Czech Republic**—Jitka Pancířová

 **Denmark**—Ditte Plum Olsen until May

2024

 **Germany**—Sabine Nipshagen

 **Greece**—Stavroula Vovlianou

 **Italy**—Silvia Corti

 **Israel**—Zoya Grimberg

 **Lithuania** – Saule Kudžmienė

 **Poland** – Aneta Trzcińska

 **Portugal** – Maria Eulalia Novais

 **Saudi Arabia** – Reem Saeed Mohammed

Alhameedi

 **Slovenia** – Sonja Pečolar

 **Netherlands** – Aase Riemann until

October 2024 & Sanne Borremans

since November

 **Turkey** – Eylem Topbaş

 **United Kingdom** – Alírio Martinho

Belchior

 **Austria** – Panagiota Tsikala

 **Lebanon** – Hanadi Mezher

 **Ireland** – Grace Murray since July



Summary: In 2024, the EDTNA/ERCA Brand Ambassadors were actively involved in numerous activities and also new initiatives. Throughout the year, the following core activities took place:

1. Meetings and Knowledge Exchange

- In 2024 we had three online meetings and one in-person meeting in Athens

- Key topics discussed included:

 **Polish National Webinar** – sharing experience of organising national webinar

 **Experiences from organizing a National Day at the EDTNA/ERCA Conference** – shared as a model for replication.

 **Cyprus BA initiatives** – focused on attracting new members and increasing local engagement, involvement in national day and feedback from Cypriot attendees at the EDTNA/ERCA conference

 **Short research project conducted by the Turkish BA** – a survey among Turkish nurses providing insight into current professional needs.

 **Presentation on the Accreditation Program** – outlining how BAs can actively support and promote the initiative in their countries.

2. Educational and Promotional Activities

 **World Kidney Day (WKD)**: Several BAs organized national awareness activities, contributing to the global recognition of kidney health.

 **National Webinars**: Five BAs conducted webinars in their native languages, ensuring accessibility and local relevance of content.

 **Translation of EDTNA/ERCA Booklets**: Translation efforts continued with

materials now available in **Czech** and **Dutch**, supporting broader outreach and education.

 **Presence on social media:** continuous work on reaching as many nephrology professional as we can

3. Strategic and Administrative Developments

- In 2024, the **official BA email policy** was adopted, allowing ambassadors to use **EDTNA/ERCA-branded email addresses**, enhancing their professional representation and facilitating communication.

4. Conference Support and Promotion

- BAs played a vital role in:

 **Promoting EDTNA/ERCA** at national congresses and seminars through lectures, booths, and one-on-one engagement.

 **Assisting members** in preparing and submitting abstracts for the annual conference.

 **Supporting the organizational efforts** of the EDTNA/ERCA Congress, proving to be indispensable in planning and coordination.

In 2024, the EDTNA/ERCA Brand Ambassadors played a pivotal role in promoting the Association, supporting professional development within their countries, and facilitating membership growth. Their dedication and active engagement not only strengthened national participation but also enhanced the international profile of EDTNA/ERCA.

The year was characterized by successful collaborative meetings, expanded educational outreach, and support for strategic initiatives, including accreditation and conference organization.

Sustained support for the Brand Ambassador Program will be essential to consolidate and build upon these accomplishments.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all Brand Ambassadors for their efforts in promoting EDTNA/ERCA and increasing its visibility at the local level.

Examples of their activities from various countries can be explored on the Brand Ambassador page of the EDTNA/ERCA website: <https://www.edtnaerca.org/about-us/brand-ambassadors>



Sonja Pečolar

Secretary & BA Link

Consultants Activities-Projects

CKD Consultant

In 2024, preparatory work commenced on the new EDTNA/ERCA book chronic kidney disease (Stages 4–5) – A Guide to Clinical Practice, including liaison with prospective authors and development of the publication structure. The book is scheduled for completion in May 2025 and will be presented at the 53rd EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in Porto.

During the 52nd EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in Athens (2024), a multidisciplinary workshop entitled Diabetic Foot Assessment and Nutrition was delivered in collaboration with Liana Poulia, targeting both nurses and dieticians.

In addition, the new EDTNA/ERCA publication Water Treatment in Haemodialysis – A Guide for Renal Nurses was presented during the Plenary Session, together with the statistical results of the 2024 EDTNA/ERCA survey on the management of diabetic foot care among renal nurses.



Chrysanthi Avrami

CKD Consultant

Education Consultant

2024 has been another productive and dynamic year for the Education Consultant, with activities focused on the following key areas:

1. Development and Revision of the EDTNA/ERCA Accreditation Program

Ongoing work was undertaken to review and enhance the evidence base supporting accreditation standards.

A comprehensive review of the accreditation applicant journey was conducted to strengthen support and improve clarity throughout the application process.

The Consultant chaired three virtual Accreditation Committee meetings and one in-person meeting during 2024.

2. Support and Mentorship for Newly Appointed Accreditation Committee Member

Guidance and mentorship were provided to Deepa Kariyawasam as she integrated into her new role, including virtual sessions covering the foundational aspects of the accreditation program.

3. Delivery of Accreditation Webinar

A highly interactive and well-attended webinar, Navigating the Journey to Excellence in Renal Education – The EDTNA/ERCA Accreditation Program, was successfully facilitated.

4. Accreditation Workshop at the 52nd EDTNA/ERCA International Conference

The Consultant facilitated an accreditation workshop in collaboration with the Accreditation Committee,

providing conference attendees with guidance on the program and offering support to potential accreditation applicants.

5. Strategic Planning for the 15th FMC & EDTNA/ERCA Renal Nurse Forum (2025)

Three planning meetings were held with the FMC (MENA Region) Marketing and Training Manager to discuss key priorities, program content, and strategies for the forum scheduled in Egypt, November 2025.

6. Recruitment of New EDTNA/ERCA Faculty Members

Following the departure of three previous faculty members, recruitment efforts successfully identified three new faculty members from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Ireland to support the program alongside existing faculty from the UK and Portugal.

These activities have collectively contributed to the continued development and enhancement of EDTNA/ERCA's educational programs and strategic initiatives in renal care.



Dr John Sedgewick

EDTNA/ERCA Education Consultant
EDTNA/ERCA Chair EDTNA/ERCA Accreditation
Committee

Vascular Access Consultant

During 2024, the Vascular Access Consultant actively contributed to EDTNA/ERCA's mission through a range of initiatives and responsibilities within the vascular access field. Participation included scheduled Webex meetings. At the Annual Conference, the Consultant chaired two sessions and led two editions of the Ultrasound Workshop, including the submission of an abstract.

Additionally, the Consultant served as a guest speaker during the Vascular Access Session and successfully secured sponsorship for the workshops, ensuring their effective delivery.

In his role as Vascular Access Consultant, he was invited to the Slovenian Nephrology Nurses National Congress to deliver a presentation and conduct a workshop on ultrasound-guided cannulations for arteriovenous fistulas (AVF).

The Consultant also proposed and submitted four project ideas, complete with supporting matrices, as part of consultant-led initiatives. Project updates were presented to the Executive Committee in July and November 2024.

Although no newsletter article was contributed in 2024, the Consultant maintained active engagement through workshops, conference leadership, abstract assessment, and project development. Their continued commitment supports EDTNA/ERCA's educational and professional standards, with further collaboration anticipated in the upcoming year.



Ruben Iglesias
EDTNA/ERCA Haemodialysis Consultant

 An interactive video game initiative.

These activities collectively demonstrate the Consultant's continued engagement in advancing EDTNA/ERCA's educational programs, publications, and innovative initiatives.



Dr Kalliopi Anna (Liana) Poulia

EDTNA/ERCA Nutrition Consultant

Nutrition Consultant

The year 2024 was highly active for the EDTNA/ERCA Nutrition Consultant, with contributions across a range of initiatives:

1. New Publication – Nutrition for Adults with CKD: An Algorithmic Approach

 The book was published in both print and electronic formats and distributed during the 52nd EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in Athens. It was also presented as part of the plenary session at the conference.

2. 52nd EDTNA/ERCA International Conference, Athens

 The Consultant served as an abstract evaluator for submissions to the 52nd Conference, co-chaired two abstract sessions, and co-organized a workshop on Diabetic Chronic Kidney Disease in collaboration with Chrysanthi Avrami.

3. Submission of Proposals for 2025

Two proposals submitted for 2025 were successfully accepted:

 A Fairytale for Children with CKD, scheduled for presentation in Porto.

Paediatric Nephrology Consultant

In 2024, the Paediatric Nephrology Consultant contributed to EDTNA/ERCA through multiple activities, including the authorship of an e-Library article titled *Chronic Kidney Disease in the Paediatric Population – Challenges for Nursing Care*. The Consultant facilitated a workshop at the conference entitled *A Child's Time Spent on Dialysis Should Not Be a Wasted Childhood*, evaluated abstracts and posters, and chaired sessions during the conference.

Additionally, the Consultant proposed a project extending from 2024 to 2025, focused on the publication of a book titled *Paediatric Kidney Replacement Therapy — General Practical Guidelines for Nurses*, and plans to submit an associated abstract for the upcoming conference.



Tadeja Kokelj Jeršin

Paediatric Nephrology Consultant



Sotiroula Gliki

EDTNA/ERCA Peritoneal Dialysis Consultant

Peritoneal Dialysis Consultant

In 2024, the PD Consultant actively contributed to EDTNA/ERCA through a wide range of initiatives, with selected highlights presented here. The Consultant served as a speaker in four sessions—including sessions 153, 194, the DOPPS Symposium, and the PD Workshop—chairing several of these, including the National Greek Day session.

A webinar titled *The Importance of Early Diagnosis of Malnutrition in Dialysis Patients – Special Reference to PD* was hosted, attracting nearly 100 participants globally. Attended the EuroPD meeting, following a guest presentation at their research forum. The Consultant also contributed as co-author to an ongoing EuroPD publication.

Additional contributions included presenting at HASIN in Athens, translating the EDTNA/ERCA Position Statement into Greek, supporting the EC election, and participating in EDTNA/ERCA webinars and surveys, including the KitNewCare Project and studies on diabetic foot care.

These activities reflect the Consultant's ongoing commitment to advancing peritoneal dialysis care, professional education, and international collaboration within the renal community.

Psychological Care Consultant

During 2024, the Consultant's main activities included the following:

Contribution to Book on Transplantation

The Consultant was invited to contribute a chapter titled Psychological Support for Organ Transplantation. Following two rounds of peer review, revisions were completed, and the final draft was submitted in December 2024.

EDTNA/ERCA International Annual Conference

The Consultant attended the 2024 Annual Conference in Athens and coordinated with Prof. Edgard Eechman, an invited expert in communications from the Netherlands, ensuring the successful delivery of his presentation.

Book Chapter on CKD-Associated Pruritus

In September, the Consultant received an invitation to author a chapter on CKD-associated pruritus.

These activities reflect the Consultant's ongoing contributions to scholarly publications, conference leadership, and the advancement of professional knowledge within the field of renal care.



Mike Kelly

EDTNA/ERCA Psychological Care Consultant

Scheduled to conclude in 2027, the project will deliver new guidelines and recommendations for environmentally sustainable dialysis, as well as a database for monitoring and comparing environmental outcomes.

It will also provide workflow optimizations, technical innovations, and additional resources to support and advance sustainable kidney care.

Quality and Environment Consultant

KitNewCare Project Participation – 2024

In 2024, the Consultant actively participated in the KitNewCare project, of which EDTNA/ERCA is a consortium member. KitNewCare is an EU co-funded initiative aimed at enhancing the environmental sustainability of kidney healthcare.

Recognizing that healthcare contributes 5–11% of global carbon emissions, the project focuses on kidney care—a sector with substantial disease burden and resource demands—as a model for systemic sustainability improvements.

The project commenced with a kick-off meeting in March 2024 in Malmö, Sweden, followed by a series of remote meetings and workshops throughout the year, involving either all consortium members or specific working groups.

EDTNA/ERCA was invited to join the project due to its longstanding commitment to sustainable kidney care, extensive network of clinical experts, and prior publications, including Green Guidelines for Dialysis and recommendations for sustainable renal care.



Jitka Pancířová

Quality and Environment Consultant

Transplant Consultant

In 2024, the Consultant commenced his role as an EDTNA/ERCA Transplant Consultant. Responsibilities included reviewing EDTNA/ERCA publications and initiating a new book project titled *Kidney Transplantation: A Guide to Clinical Practice*, coordinating with multiple authors to develop individual chapters. The book is scheduled for publication in 2025.

Additionally, the Consultant contributed as an author to another EDTNA/ERCA project, *chronic kidney disease (Stages 4–5) – A Guide to Clinical Practice*.



Naceur Chouayet
Transplant Consultant

The Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns (DOPPS) Programme

As mentioned in our previous Annual Report, back in 2023 Arbor Research closed DOPPS 7 mainly for sponsorship related issues and decided not to start DOPPS 8 as planned.

Despite having closed DOPPS Study, the collaboration between Arbor Research and EDTNA/ERCA continued in several fields as both parties analysed the existing one as extremely fruitful.


One of the collaborations was the Symposium organised during the excellent Annual Conference held in Athens with the following program:

PDOOPPS: Exploring Outcomes That Matter to Patients.

Chairs:
Ilaria de Barbieri EDTNA/ERCA President.
Anna M Marti - EDTNA/ERCA DOPPS Project Manager

Greetings from Arbor Research.

Roberto Pecots-Filho,
DOPPS Program Scientific Director.

Scratching the surface: Pruritus prevalence and association with quality of life in peritoneal dialysis patients

Anastasia Liossatou.
Head Nurse at the Haemodialysis Unit, General Hospital of Kefalonia, EDTNA/ERCA Executive Committee Member.

Preventing and treating peritonitis: What have we learned from PDOPPS?

Muthana Al Sahlawi,

Drain pain: Prevalence and risk factors in peritoneal dialysis patients.

Sotiroula C. Gliki,

Burden of Dialysis, Health-related Quality of Life and Employment Comparisons between Peritoneal Dialysis and In-centre Haemodialysis: Findings from the DOPPS Program

Marisa Pegoraro on site.

Panel Discussion - All speakers and audience

The Symposium focused on new findings provided by the PDOPPS Study regarding modifiable practices in PD was well attended and was followed by a lively Q/A session.

Other aspect of the Arbor Research and EDTNA/ERCA is the New Study: "CONCORDIA" in UK, France, and Italy, hopefully soon we'll be able to re-initiate a "Full European Study".

Last but not least it's my pleasure to share with you all that when preparing this report a new agreement has been signed between AR and EDTNA/ERCA in order to coordinate the European data collection of a new Study the: **Pan-European registry addressing difelikefalin in goal-oriented medical treatment for chronic kidney disease-associated pruritus**

(PARADIGM), EDTNA/ERCA Cra's will coordinate data collection in: France (Marc Boogaerts), Germany (Martin Schunemann), Italy (Marisa Pegoraro) and Spain (Elena Cavero).

I would like to take this opportunity to express my most sincere admiration and gratitude to all Arbor Research Officers as well as to EDTNA/ERCA Executive Committee and to my CRA colleagues and facilities staff for having maintained its great standards and for having supported these important studies during this challenging period.



Anna Marti I Monros.

Arbor Research & EDTNA/ERCA Collaboration
Project Manager

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